

1st Nicosia Alternative Book Festival
15 & 16 November 2025

Independent publications, zines, discussions on censorship,
language, politics and the book as a tool for change.

Participants (indicative):

Affect Editions

Anarchist Perspective

Ajar

Fisherwomxn

IWW

Moufflon Bookshop

Faura Books

OWK Press

Ideodromio Bookshop

Peridiavasi Bookshop

Ektos Grammis

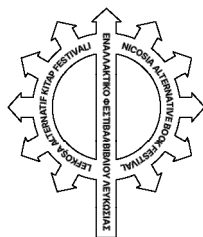
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Panopticon

Cultural Foundation 1948

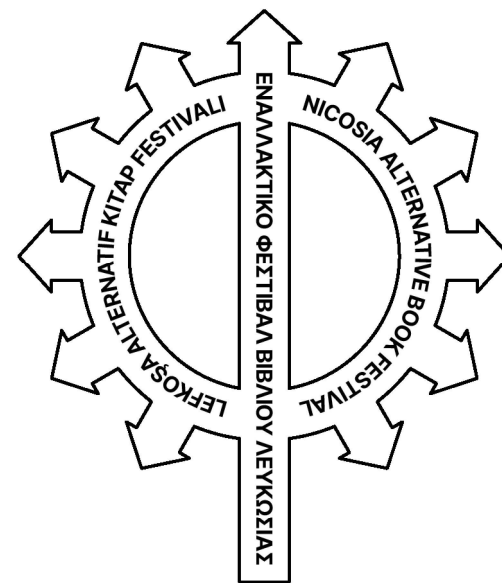
Potlatch

Psifdes



Nicosia Alternative Book Festival

Events programme



15-16.11/2025

Festival timetable Saturday & Sunday: 11:00-20:00

Pericleous street, old town

Saturday 15/11

16:00–18:00

Event/Discussion: ‘Censorship in Cyprus Today’

Organised by: Nicosia Alternative Book Festival

Censorship in Cyprus is nothing new. In Art, Science, and public discourse in general, the limits of the tolerable are defined where class, gender, race, or religion intersect to establish ‘national correctness.’ While this phenomenon is a product of Cyprus’s heavy 20th-century legacy, the intensity and severity with which discipline was sought have fluctuated over time. What is behind the regression we have experienced in recent years in Cyprus regarding freedom of expression? Is the intensification of policing a purely Cypriot phenomenon? Beyond the manifestations of attempted censorship, what do these efforts reveal about power relations and the stakes in the current conjuncture? What is the political economy of artistic and scientific production, and how does it relate to employment conditions in these sectors?

18:00–20:00

Open discussion: ‘70 years since the founding of EOKA.

Prompted by the publication of Andrekos Varnava’s book, *Assassination in Colonial Cyprus in 1934 and the Origins of EOKA*

Organised by: Psifdes Publications

An open discussion about EOKA, anti-communism, and nationalism as its structural characteristics, as well as national liberation movements, and Cyprus and the world of the 1950s. Following a brief presentation by Christos Mais, historian and member of Psifdes, a discussion with the audience will follow.

21:30–23:30

Punk rock DJ set by Anoita Agoria: After-hours set at Collective Space & Café, with punk rock.

Sunday 16/11

16:00–18:00

Open discussion: ‘Cypriot Greek: From the Spoken to the Written Word’

Organised by: Nicosia Alternative Book Festival

We speak, we write, we print, we read, therefore we exist? A discussion about Cypriot Greek and its uses in the written word, featuring individuals who work—to a greater or lesser extent—on its written representation.

18:00–20:00

Event/discussion: Publications & Politics Organised by: Psifdes Publications and Faura Books

What does it mean to publish (print) political books in the digital age? Two publishing ventures, from Thessaloniki and Nicosia respectively, will present their initiatives, motivations, challenges, and concerns, as well as the possibilities and dynamics currently developing in relation to the book as a political tool. Representatives of the two ventures will speak, followed by a discussion with the audience and other participating ventures.